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Milan, February 8. N. S.

REcruits for the Imperial Army arrive here every Day, and greater Numbers are ſtill expected. Our Advices from Naples acquaint us with great Preparations that are making for the Expedition into Sicily. They ſay alſo, That many French Officers are lately landed there, who give Directions for repairing the Fortifications of Meſſina. They add, That the State has reſolv'd upon a Tax of Six *per Cent.* on all the Revenues of the Kingdom of Naples; and that Two Veſſels laden with Corn from Apulia had ſail'd to Barcelona. The Tartan in which the Money ariſing from the free Gift made to his Catholick Majeſty is to be tranſported had put to Sea; and many Perſons of Quality took that Opportunity of waiting upon the King, ſome of whom deſign to ſerve as Voluntiers next Campagne in Spain. Letters from Turin inform us, That his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Savoy had given Orders for raiſing 7000 Men, and commanded ſome Troops to march into Pignerol, for the Protection of the Inhabitants againſt the Inſults of the Enemy, who demand Contribution of the Country, and threaten Military Execution. By our laſt Advices from Barcelona we are inform'd, That the Duke of Moles, Envoy Extraordinary from his Imperial Majeſty, is made Chief Miniſter to his Catholick Majeſty, in the Place of the late Count of Oropeſa.

Francfort, February 19. General Thungen has receiv'd Advice from Landau, That the French had began to demoliſh the Fortifications of Biſchweiler and Druſenheim; and have a Deſign to raze alſo thoſe of Haguenau, in order to bring the Gariſons of thoſe Places into the Field the next Campagne. On the 17th Inſtant the Elector of Mentz arriv'd here from Bamberg, and proceeded the next Day towards his own Court. The Troops which Marſhal Villars had left encamp'd near Colmar, Schleſtat, and Huningen, have follow'd the reſt into Winter Quarters. The Confederate Forces which were appointed to obſerve their Motions are alſo retir'd; but poſted in ſuch a manner, that they can be in a readineſs to face the Enemy on the firſt Alarm. The French continue in the mean time their Preparations for an active Campagne, and demand exorbitant Contributions on the Rhine; but the adjacent Countries reſolutely perſiſt in refuſing to comply with their Exactions. They raiſe great Numbers of Men at Erfort, and the Territories thereabouts, for the Emperor. There ſtill paſs through this Place Recruits of Horſe and Foot, in large Bodies, for the Imperial Army. Letters from Swiſſerland report, That the Diet of Baden is broke up without coming to any final Determination in the Affair of Neufchatel. It is confirmed from thence, that the Canton of Berne demanded an Acknowledgment, That Neufchatel is Part of the Helvetick Body, and needed no other Title to a Neutrality than that by which the other States of Swiſſerland enjoy their preſent Repoſe; but the Roman Catholick Deputies refus'd to join in that Demand, which occaſion'd the Adjournment of their Seſſion. They write from Ratisbon, That the Diet had anſwer'd the Letters from the States General and his Electoral Highneſs of Hanover in a very ſatisfactory manner; and after having thank'd 'em for the Part they bore in the common Cauſe, and their friendly Advice, concluded with the utmoſt Aſſurances of their Zeal and Diſpatch of all Affairs which lay before them, with all the Expedition the Nature of the Things in Debate would admit. The Duke of Wirtemberg is gone to Thungen, to paſs away the Carnaval. The great Quantity of Snow which has lately fallen in Alſatia prevents any ſudden Attempt of the Enemy.

Bruſſels, February 23. N. S. Don Bernardo de Quiros, Ambaſſador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from his Catholick Majeſty, arriv'd here on the 16th Inſtant, and the next Day had a Conference with the Miniſters of the Regency. The 17th being the Anniverſary of the Birth-day of Her Britannick Majeſty, Veldt-Marſhal d'Auverquerque made a magnificent Entertainment for all the Generals reſiding in this Place. The Palace was adorn'd with Illuminations, and all the Foreign Miniſters diſtinguiſh'd their Houſes in the ſame manner. The Earl of Albemarle, Captain of Her Majeſty's Firſt Troop of Guards, made a Ball in the Evening, and gave a ſumptuous Banquet to a great Aſſembly of Perſons of Quality of each Sex.

Falmouth, Febr. 16. Yeſterday arriv'd the Cornwall Galley of and for London from Leghorne, Edward Loyd Commander; as alſo the Fortune of and for Stockholme from Bourdeaux, Olif Vanto Maſter. This Day came in the Viana Merchant of and for London, Richard Monther Maſter; and the Garderwood of and from Bourdeaux, Tyley Hanſon Maſter.

Yarmouth,